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In re application of:

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For: **METHOD FOR REDUCING DATA  
LOSS IN AUTOMATICALLY  
RE-CONFIGURED ATM  
NETWORKS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.